

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Chinese alphabet contains about 30,000 characters.

Paris is said to consume forty tons of coal daily.

Every possible color and shade can now be produced by dyers.

The trust is a machine for making fine, almost-shamed.

The trust has interests on one plantation at San Mateo, Fla.

Boys under sixteen years of age are not to be employed in coal mines.

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Another Washington monument is proposed, to be paid for by the nation.

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A Florida woman has two children and named Jefferson Davis, the other Abraham Lincoln.

The Tatton, colored, expired a few days ago in St. Louis, the great age of 111.

All Roads for Drunks and Drunken Women is a philanthropic enterprise now under way in St. Louis.

A machine has been invented that prints the sides and ends of boxes at the same time.

New York Italians are trying to secure a site in Central Park, near the bust of Massai.

ALEXANDER B. COX, Jr., of New York, is said to be the biggest man at his age in the world.

Mrs. STEPHEN B. ELKINS recently presented a library consisting of \$400 worth of books to the public library in St. Louis.

SUBTLE LAMONT gets the handsome salary of \$7,000. President Cleveland pays him \$10,000.

The value of manufactured articles in the country surpasses that of the products of agriculture.

The latest discovery is that the tomb of the Pharaoh is El-Khons, the daughter of ex-Governor Sprague, of Rhode Island.

A young man who recently died at the age of 102 was shipwrecked many years ago and saved nine miles to land.

Tenants have been admitted to the property of the Bishop of St. Louis.

A new device has been invented.

It is enclosed in an ordinary silver watch case, and is said to do very good work by the touch of a button.

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. ANDREWS, of Roanoke, in his ninety-seventh year, went to the grave on Saturday morning.

He had a son, a daughter, and a son-in-law.

The commission of Arch-amps not to wear.

Mrs. KATE CRANE is making arrangements for the publication of the biography of her late husband, George, which she has undertaken to write.

JOHN KANE, a popular gas speaker, has died at his home in New York, after a derrick, nearly killing him. He was 76.

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